

KISSING PRINCIPAL PHILOSOPHIC, BUT OH, YOU WOMEN!

Their Vindictive Nature to
Blame for Cloud on His
Name and \$1,200 Fine.

HIS ACTS MISJUDGED.

Naturally Affectionate, He Just
Couldn't Help His Frank,
Open Way With Teachers.

Because of his naturally affectionate nature, which he could not help showing in a frank and open manner, such as calling the women teachers under him "my dear" and occasionally stroking their heads, Bernard Cronson, principal of Public School No. 24, has come to be known all over town as "the kissing principal," and has been fined \$1,200 by the Board of Education.

Principal Cronson's fine was announced last night, and a reporter for The Evening World found him in a highly philosophical mood in his office to-day. He is a stout, benign-looking person, and the "open, frank manner," which he says has been the cause of his misfortune, is his strongest characteristic.

Calls Women Vindictive.
"The vindictiveness of women is the leading component of her nature," he said loudly and impressively. "Her passion for revenge seizes her like a typhoon shakes up the sand in the desert, and she will dump on the trail of her victim until she has him. That, my son, explains this whole situation. Men forget or forgive a wrong or flatter wrong—the average woman, never. Therefore you see me here minus four months' salary and with a black mark against my character that only the passage of time can wipe away. But I am confident the wrong will be righted and I will be shown in my true light."

"It all started because of my activities against the Equal Pay bill for women teachers," he went on, "and the speeches I made in Albany. I was told there was a conspiracy against me, but I pushed the notion. I didn't know women then as I do now. I wish I had. I would have known that they would band together in a conspiracy to blast my reputation at any cost; that they would have followed me for two years; that they would set the children—yes, the innocent little pupils, corrupting their young minds to spy on me and set in operation a system of persecution that even the sublimest character of history would not have been able to withstand. They did all these things, and they very nearly succeeded in ruining me entirely."

Affectionate by Nature.
"But, I, sir, am a philosopher and I am not annoyed—not a little bit. I defy you to go to Public School No. 24 where these charges are supposed to have originated and find any but the five women who made the charges but have anything but good to say of me."
"You see, I am naturally of a very affectionate nature—I just can't help it—and as it is always my impulse to be very frank and show my feelings and speak my thoughts, it was easy to misconstruct my little acts that I intended only as kindness."

"For instance, I have—or rather, I had—a habit of calling everybody 'my dear.' No harm in that, is there? Well, that was misconstrued. Stroking their hands and kissing? I never kissed any of them—ridiculous. Well, a lingering handshake may be twisted around into stroking hands—but only an evil mind would see anything wrong in it."

"What I want explained to me" (said Principal Cronson's voice rose), "is why, if a body of honest, clean-minded, conservative men like the Board of Education could be convinced that I was guilty of familiarity with women teachers, as charged, I am not torn out. Familiarity with women teachers is, of course, a term capable of wide interpretation; but, taken as the average man understands it, if I am guilty I am not fit to remain a teacher."

That Kissing Episode.
"But I make no protest now. My superiors in the Board have done what they honestly believe to be right, and I bow to their judgment, confident, however, that everything will eventually come out right."

"Another thing—the woman who says I stroked her hands in 1908, and succeeded in losing her in 1909, took a mighty long time to convince herself that she ought to resent it, didn't she? I have heard no explanation of that peculiarity of the feminine nature and I would like to very much."

"Has all this made me a woman-hater? No by a long way. I would hate to have my opinion of the sex as a whole warped by the acts of the five who have sought to ruin me. But I am convinced that in future I will have to be careful—that's all, just careful."

And then a glow rang and summoned the "kissing principal" away to his labors in the cause of education.

SINCE WOMAN MUST WEAR THE PANTS, MERE MAN WILL ADOPT SCOTCH KILTS

They're Sanitary and Cool and Besides Lots of
Folk Want to See Sim Ford's Knees
—Society to Popularize 'em.



Let 'em go ahead and steal our pants! Let 'em jump culottes and harem skirts themselves until we know the shape of every box ankle and knock knee from Crumple Creek to South Bend, and back again.

As above stated, let 'em! Because we can wear kilts and be happy yet—except in very cold weather and in time. The movement to find a suitable draping for the masculine limbs after woman has taken his trousers away from him is already under way. It was started yesterday when a band of hounded and well-nigh desperate men, foreseeing the time when a man must wear a polonaise or a barrel, or else remain in thoughtful seclusion at home, went before Justice Newburger and got a certificate of incorporation for the Society for the Promotion and Popularization of the Scotch Kilt as an article of attire, otherwise to be known as the New York Scottish Highlanders.

Fosters Bagpipes, Too.
The society has other aims. According to its papers it desires also "to foster recollections of Scottish bagpipe music, literature and history and to unite Scotchmen and their brethren in social intercourse."

There may be a difference of opinion as to the advisability of fostering recollections of Scotch bagpipe music. Some have gone so far as to say that all they wanted was a chance to forget it. Others have insisted that it wasn't music anyhow—that it was a series of sounds indicating acute distress.

"But there can be no quarrel among members of the formerly slimmer sex regarding the benefits to be derived by popularizing the kilt as an article of everyday attire."

In the first place, it doesn't bug at the knees. In the second place, you don't need suspenders to hold it up. (Memo—See some Scotchman and find out what in thunder does hold it up.) In the third place, it can be used as a money saving device by men of short stature. On his tours of the country Harry Lauder used to wear kilts and rise in his mungers' lap on a half-fare child's ticket. In the fourth place, it is both cool and sanitary. In the fifth place, it shows with a neat side-pocket.

Justice Newburger of the Supreme Court has granted the petition of Mrs. Anna M. Smith for an examination of the mental condition of her husband, Frederick D. Smith, now confined at Rivercrest, L. I. Instead of appointing a commission, as the wife requested, the justice decided that the case should be tried by a jury on March 28.

Mrs. Smith lives at No. 45 West Ninety-third street. In her petition she declares that her husband has money in the West Side and Colonial banks as well as United States bonds and bonds of a street railway company in Connecticut.

Refuse all substitutes.

\$4 A DAY FOR MEN DIGGING 1142 FEET UNDER THE RIVER

President Strauss of Water
Supply Board Tells Progress
of Hudson Tunnel.

President Charles Strauss of the Board of Water Supply made a successful plea in behalf of tunnel miners to-day, prevailing upon the Board of Estimate to pay them \$4 a day wages. Borough President Miller of the Bronx protested, saying that private concerns paid such workers only \$3.50 a day. He fell in line with the \$4 a day rate when it was explained that the men who are building the Hudson River tunnel from Storm King Mountain work at a depth of 1,142 feet.

"A year ago," said Mayor Gaynor, "there was a hue and cry against building that tunnel. Certain people said it could not be done—bedrock could not be found, and all that. How about it?" Mr. Strauss answered: "We are building that tunnel and work has already started from Storm King on the west bank and Hessian Hook on the east. We are tunnelling at a depth of 1,142 feet and have headed under the river. We propose to tunnel a distance of four miles."

WALL STREET.

The list indulged in a slow, dragging movement during the greater part of the afternoon that succeeded in bringing stocks down to about the lowest of the day at the close. Whatever improvement was manifested in the morning period was lost in the final hour, when trading turned exceedingly heavy. Misconduct Pacific dropped from above \$11.25 to \$10.40 and other leading issues made similar drops.

Net changes, which were mostly declines, were small.

Am. Cotton	64	62	62	-2
Am. Car & F.	84	82	82	-2
Am. Can.	104	102	102	-2
Am. Ice	22	20	20	-2
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